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Jorgensen Calls on Governor Walker to Use Veto Pen

MADISON –Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair and State Representative Andy Jorgensen (D-Milton) today sent a letter to Governor Scott Walker, expressing his opposition to the budget in general and asking for vetoes on specific provisions to weaken teacher licensure standards, usurp local control on Class B liquor licenses – and measure which could hurt wineries in the 43rd District, and increased authority for predatory payday lenders. He released his statement, along with a copy of the letter:

"This budget is so harmful to hard-working Wisconsinites, that it should be rejected outright. However, given the knowledge that Governor Walker will sign the bill into law, I have judiciously chosen budget provisions to ask that he veto.

"I have heard from hundreds of people who oppose anything less than the highest standards for licensing teachers. Our children deserve educators who know not only the subject matter, but also how to help students of every ability learn.

"In just the past few days, business owners and municipal leaders have drawn my attention to one small line, snuck into the budget on the last day of Joint Finance deliberations, which would prohibit wineries from obtaining a Class B liquor license. This strips local leaders from making decisions regarding licensing, and limits the business options of community-supporting small business owners who may wish to launch a new endeavor hosting events, like weddings.

"Finally, after hearing horrifying stories of financial ruin, set into motion by payday lenders, I felt it was important to ask Governor Walker to strip the budget of new authority for these predatory businesses.

"My hope is that Governor Walker will use plenty of ink on this dumpster-fire of a budget, before he takes his final action."

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